



Spiritual Formation and Growth

HCUCC Pastoral Leaders' Retreat

March 20–22, 2019

What

Take time for yourself to explore spiritual practices, to connect with others, to worship, and to tap spiritual resources for your personal growth. After last year's retreat, the evaluations suggested that there be a focus on a spiritual retreat. There will be a bit of information sharing about the b1 App (only one hour). Participants will try out ways to use *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the United Church of Christ* for assessing needs for growth and even ways to use it with congregations to assess mutual ministries. A packet containing the "Marks" and *Journaling the Journey* will be provided for each participant.

Where

St. Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St., Honolulu

This is a beautiful place for a retreat. There are grounds to explore, private rooms, and spaces for groups to be together. Transportation to the center is on your own, and we hope that our O'ahu pastoral leaders may offer to help with transportation to and from the airport. There are individual rooms, and you may choose single or double occupancy (choosing your roommate in advance of registering). You may choose to commute daily to the center.

When

The retreat will begin at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and end after lunch (about 1:00 p.m.) Friday, March 22, 2019.

Theme: Spiritual Foundation and Growth

Ephesians 4:11-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:11-16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹¹ These are the things you must insist on and teach. ¹² Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵ Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Peter 2:1-6 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

How Much Does It Cost?

Participants will pay a basic registration fee of \$100 for the retreat which includes seven meals at the retreat center and all materials that will be used. The fee for the room will depend on the selection each participant chooses. This event is heavily subsidized by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Want to Help?

The planners welcome those who want to share practices, design and lead worship, help with transportation, provide snacks, etc. The retreat is being planned and implemented by the Formation Missional Team, HCUCC Staff, and other volunteers. Please bring any musical instruments you would like to use for our time of sharing each evening.

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